

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Yuma County Republican Central Committee is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Yuma, at 7 o'clock p. m., September 5, 1900, for the following purposes:

To select seven delegates to the Republican Territorial convention, to be held at Phoenix, on September 24, 1900, and to transact such other business as may come before the committee.

R. S. HATCH, Chairman.
M. O. ARCHIBALD, Sec'y.
Yuma, Ariz., August 29, 1900.

Important Law on Homestead Entries.

Commissioner Binger Herman has issued the following circular to registers of the United States land offices which is of general interest:

Registers and Receivers, United States Land Office—Your attention is called to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of the Act of Congress, entitled, "An act for the relief of the Colorado Cooperative Colony; to permit second homesteads in certain cases, and for other purposes," approved June 5, 1900, (Public—No. 148) a copy of which sections is hereto attached.

Section 2 provides that any person who has hitherto made a homestead entry and commuted same under Section 2301, revised Statutes, and the amendments thereto, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made, but commutation under Section 2301, Revised Statutes, shall not be allowed of an entry made under this section.

Section 3 provides that any person who, prior to the passage of this act, has made a homestead entry, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made. Therefore, you will not hereafter reject a homestead application on the ground that the applicant cannot take the prescribed oath that he has not previously made such an entry, or because he has perfected title under Section 2301, Revised Statutes, to land entered under the homestead law; but he will be required to show by affidavit designating the entry formerly made by description of the land, number and date of entry, or other sufficient data, to enable me to identify the same on the records of this office, and that it was forfeited or commuted, as the case may be, prior to the passage of the act.

In any case where the former entry was made subsequent to the date of the act, the rule given on page 19, circular of July 11, 1899, remains unchanged. It will be observed that an entry made under Section 2 cannot be perfected by commutation under Section 2301, Revised Statutes. The fact that applicants have purchased, under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1899, (25 Stat., 871) lands patented to the Flathead Indians in Montana shall not be held to have impaired or exhausted their homestead rights by or on account of any such purchase.

LOCAL NOTES.

District Attorney C. L. Brown arrived Sunday night to attend the meeting of the board of supervisors.

"Deacon" Devine, proprietor of the Yuma Sun, has gone up the river on business connected with his mining claims.

Rufus Vaughn has returned from Long Beach.

The new SENTINEL plant is expected to arrive this week.

Dan Devore and wife of Fortuna, were in town this week on a business trip.

Ramon Mendez's baby boy died Saturday after a short illness with influenza.

Supervisor Thos. Underhill came Monday to attend a meeting of the board of equalization.

Our esteemed fellow townsman John Gandolfo returned home from Los Angeles Sunday night.

Frank Geary, formerly superintendent of the King of Arizona mine, arrived in town Monday.

Dr. Heffernan, one of the managers of the Imperial Canal company, is in town on business for the company.

Captain and Mrs. C. V. Meeden returned Sunday night from a pleasant trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The political pot is commencing to boil in Yuma, at any rate the one labeled Democratic. Boys, is there blood on the moon?

Ed. Baker, a well known stockman of Gila valley, came in Saturday with a drove of fat cattle for Dave Balsz's butchering establishment.

Ex-postmaster F. B. Logan, formerly of Yuma, is now at Grand Junction, Col., where he has embarked in the nursery business.

Althea Modesti, owner of the well known Agua Caliente Hot Springs, has let contracts for very extensive improvements on that property.

Dr. Geo. Vickers and E. J. Bennett, composing the Territorial Board of Control, were in Yuma Sunday inspecting the penitentiary. They returned to Phoenix the same night.

W. D. Luce of Castle Dome, who is putting in a 150-ton cyanide plant at that place, states that he'll start operations next week. Mr. Luce returned to Dome Tuesday morning.

Frank Avila, superintendent and part owner of the well known Colorado mine, in the Castle Dome district, was in town Saturday purchasing teams and supplies.

Ex-Mayor R. J. Duncan, assistant superintendent of the Gila division of the S. P. railroad was in town in the fore part of the week on business connected with his road.

R. J. Duncan, trainmaster of the S. P. railroad, resident at Tucson, and J. N. Thatcher, Wells-Fargo detective, were among those whose names appeared on the S. P. Hotel register this week.

Frank S. Norton of Hedges came in Tuesday evening to attend the funeral services of his sister-in-law Miss Josefita Espinoza, who died here Monday evening.

Dr. P. J. Cotter has been appointed S. P. railroad physician, vice Dr. Heffernan, resigned. Dr. Cotter is a practitioner of marked ability, and the company acted wisely in securing his services.

Jack Lacy, day bartender at the S. P. Hotel, was ailing during the past week, but tender nursing averted serious complications, and Jack is at his post, cheerful as ever.

Father Chajcott, familiarly known in Yuma as Padre Juan, now resident at Tucson, arrived Tuesday to assist at the funeral ceremonies of Miss Espinoza, whose godfather he was. Father Juan was Yuma's Pioneer padre.

Mr. R. H. Baird of Castle Dome came to town Sunday to receive Mrs. Baird, who returned from a two months sojourn on the coast. Mr. and Mrs. Baird are well and favorably known throughout Arizona, where they have resided from childhood.

Mrs. M. Ortiz, of Los Angeles, came in on Tuesday evening's train to attend the funeral of her beloved sister. Miss Josefita Espinoza whose funeral services were held this morning at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Ortiz will remain in Yuma a week or two before returning home.

Miss Josefita Espinoza, aged 21 years and 13 days died Monday evening at six o'clock. The funeral took place today, services being conducted at the Catholic church. Spanish-American lodge attended in a body. Miss Espinoza was an estimable young lady, and a pronounced beauty. The SENTINEL sincerely sympathize with those whom Providence has bereft of their much beloved and precious flower.

Henry H. McPhaul, now a member of the prison guard, went broke during the Cleveland administration out in the Agua Caliente. In speaking of national politics, Mr. McPhaul declared he still had in his possession dishonored checks to the amount of over seven hundred dollars, souvenirs of Democratic incapacity. Yet Cleveland believed in sound money and frowned upon other Bryan sophistries.

A. M. Foster, who for the past two years was the genial foreman of the Yuma Sun, left Monday morning for the coast, where he will spend a few weeks in recreation prior to entering Stanford University. Mr. Foster has the best wishes of all the people in Yuma,

and the SENTINEL hopes that when Mr. Foster has reached the height of his ambition he will return to us and give Yuma the benefit of his attainments.

The board of equalization at last Monday's meeting gave all losers of personal property in the recent fire a reduction of 5-12 of the assessments. A number of other reductions were grant, all of which will be printed in the SENTINEL in the official report of the supervisors. The supervisors also received notice that the Territorial board had raised work horses 39.3 per cent, saddle horses 33 1/4 per cent, mules 57.5 per cent and beef cattle 80.5.

A letter from Wm. Davis, formerly a deputy sheriff of this county, now at Cape Nome, to his friend Mr. Marvin, in which he states that among others who formerly resided in Yuma, and are now engaged in mining at Nome and prospering, are Wm. Sexsmith and Ed Hunt, mining partners of his. He states that they have located a fractional claim of 110 feet four miles from Nome and that they are taking out an ounce of gold to the man a day. Ed Crane is one of the recent arrivals. Ward Priest is night shift boss for his brother-in-law Thomas Ferry.

Some Street Improvements.

General extensions and improvements of the yards and tracks of the S. P. railroad at Yuma have been commenced. Madison avenue is to be double tracked from a point near the S. P. hotel to Third street, which some of our people thought might prove detrimental, but we are pleased to say that Mr. Randolph has dispelled those fears by authorizing the complete macadamizing of the avenue with Gila City cement gravel, which will permanently improve and beautify the street. In addition to this, Mr. Randolph will have the grade on first street cut down and widened some, and the city will be furnished with enough cement gravel to macadamize that street from the tracks to the summit of the grade. The tracks on Madison avenue are to be buried, so that only the tops of the rails will show, thus making all parts of the street available for wagon traffic. If all railroad officials authorized to build and extend facilities would show the same consideration for the welfare of the people we would hear but few complaints against railroads.

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